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Harold:

1. In light of the complexities and exigencies of the personnel ceiling situation, I think Iams has turned out a forthright document for consideration by the Management Committee on Monday. I specifically call to your attention paragraph 2.b. which properly and favorably says that the eventual personnel cut issue to be decided is not restricted solely to the add-on of the 200 but to the totality of the 500 cut. May I suggest, if only for therapeutic purpose, you underscore this point at Monday's meeting.

2. I would further suggest at Monday's meeting you dig in hard to try to hold the contract ceiling cut to a limit of 200 so that there still remains the unused ceiling of another 200 throughout the Agency for what minor relief it may offer us.

*JFB*  
John F. Blake

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